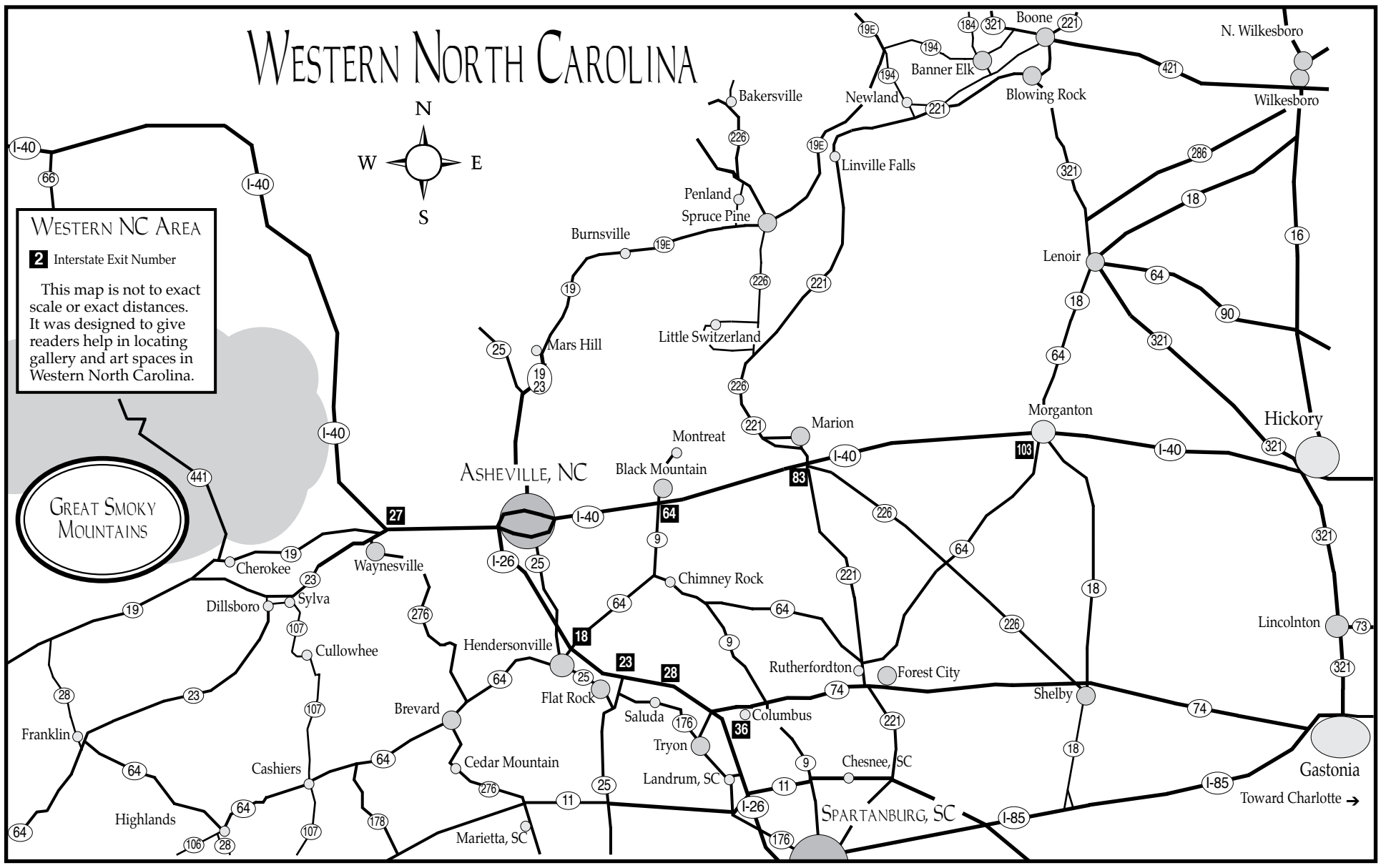

Upstairs Artspace in Tryon, NC

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Upstairs Artspace is known throughout the region as a gallery featuring art that is contemporary and avant-garde. Artists are selected by qualified exhibits committee members. While most of the art in an exhibition is available for purchase, Upstairs Artspace is not a retail gallery and does not maintain a permanent collection.

The Upstairs assures visitors that it is practicing necessary measures to guarantee safety during the pandemic. Please check Facebook and Instagram for updates on hours, programs and more. Gallery hours: Tue.-Sat., 1-5pm.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the gallery at 828/859-2828 or visit (www.upstairsartspace.org).

73rd Craft Fair of the Southern Highlands Craft Guild Goes Virtual

In order to uphold the mission of providing a marketplace for the creative community in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Southern Highland Craft Guild is attempting to continue their 73-year old tradition by hosting their first-ever virtual Craft Fair of the Southern Highlands, July 16-19th, 2020. You will be able to view it at this link (www.craftguild.org/craftfair). The page will go live 12am July 16 and end at 11:59pm on July 19, 2020.

Work from Turtle Island Pottery

Work by Melanie Miller

This four-day online event will feature a directory of artisans of fine craft, both traditional and contemporary. Visitors to the site will have the opportunity to explore works of clay, fiber, glass, leather, metal, paper, wood, jewelry, and more through the virtual "booths" of participating members. Visitors can shop directly from artists, watch videos of craft demonstrations, interact with artists in their studios through live streams, and participate in a raffle drawing. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards the Guild's education department.

The Southern Highland Craft Guild hopes to bring the unique experience of connecting with artisans, along with the sense of community and fellowship that visitors find at the Craft Fairs to this virtual event. Many visitors attend the Craft Fair of the Southern Highlands to find unique heirlooms to enjoy now and for years to come, and this year they can do the same at (www.craftguild.org/craftfair).

Cultivating the crafts & makers of the Southern Highlands for the purpose of shared resources, education, marketing, and conservation.

The Southern Highland Craft Guild, chartered in 1930, is one of the strongest craft organizations in the country today. The Guild currently represents nearly 900 craftspeople who reside in 293 counties of 9 southeastern states. During the Great Depression, the Guild cultivated commerce for craftspeople in the Appalachian region. This legacy continues today as the

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Guild plays a large role in the Southern Highlands craft economy through the operation of four craft shops and two annual craft expositions. Educational programming is another fundamental element of the organization, fulfilled through integrated educational craft demonstrations at retail outlets and expos, free educational community events, and an extensive public library located at its headquarters at the Folk Art Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

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